VII.

THE PROPHESIE OF A TURK

Concerning the **Downfall** of

MAHOMETISM,

And of the ſetting up the

Kingdom and Glory OF CHRIST:

For which he was **Condemned**, and put to **Death**, by diverſe **Cruel** and Inhumane **Toxtures**.

Truly Related, as it was taken out of the *Turkiſh Hiſtory* at *Conſtantinople*, Page 1384.

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A Viſion was ſeen at *Medina Tilnaby* in *Arabia*, where *Mahomet* their Prophet was Buryed; the Apparition appeared three Weeks together, and terrified the whole Country, for that none could tell the Signification thereof.

About the twelfth of *September* One Thouſand Six Hundred and Twenty there fell ſo great a Tempeſt, and ſuch fearful Thunder, about midnight, as that the Heavens were Darkened, and thoſe that were awake almoſt Diſtracted; but the Vapours being diſperſed, the People might Read, in the Firmament, in *Arabian Caracters*, theſe Words following, *Oh! why will you believe in Lies?* Between two and three in

the Morning there was seen a Woman in White, compassed with the Sun, having a very chearful Countenance, holding in her Hand a Book, coming from the *North-West*, opposite against her were great Armies of *Turkes*, *Persians*, *Arabians*, and other *Mahometans*, ranging inorder of Battel, to charge her; but she kept her standing, and only opened the Book, at the sight whereof those Armies fled, and presently all the Lamps about *Mahomets* Tomb went out; for as soon as the Vision vanished, which was commonly an hour before the Suns rising, a murmuring Wind was heard, to which they imputed the extinguishing of the Lamps, but could not conceive the meaning of the Vision; but at last one of the Dervices (which is a strict Religious Order amongst the *Turks*) Living in Contemplation, stood up very boldly, and made a Speech to the People, which so incensed them against him, that for his plain dealing he lost his Life: The sum of his Speech was as followeth.

'That the World never had but three true Religi-'ons, each of them having a Prophet; *First*, God 'raised up the *Jews* and did Wonders for them in '*Egypt*, and brought them forth by his Prophet *Mo-'ses*, who prescribed them a Law, wherein he would

'have

'have maintained them, if they had not been Obsti-
'nate and Rebellious, and fallen into Idolatry;
'whereupon he gave them over, and scattered them
'upon the Face of the Earth: Then presently af-
'ter he raised up a new Prophet which taught the
'*Christian Religion*; that good Man the *Jews* Con-
'demned for a Seducer of the People, not being
'moved with the Piety of his Life, his great Mi-
'racles, nor Doctrine; yet after his Death the
'Preaching of a few Fishermen, and others, did so
'move the Hearts of Men, that the greatest Mon-
'archs of the World bowed to his very Title, and
'yielded to the Command of his Ministers: But
'it seems they grew as Corrupt as the *Jews*, their
'Church being divided with the distinctions of the
'*East* and *West*, committing Idolatry, by the setting
'up of Images, with many other Idle Ceremo-
'nies, besides the corruption of their Conversati-
'ons; so God was weary of them also, and sent
'not only Divisions among them, but forsook
'them, disposessing them of their two chief Cities,
'(to wit *Jerusalem* and *Constantinople.*) This God
'is still the Governour of the World, and provides
'himself an other Prophet, raising our great *Ma-*
'*homet*, giving way to our Nation, so as no doubt

'we

'we ſhall be happy if we can ſerve this God a-
'right, and take Example by the fall of others;
'but alas, I tremble to ſpeak it, we have erred in
'every point, and wilfully broke our firſt Inſtitu-
'tions, ſo as God hath manifeſted his Wrath by
'evident Signs and Tokens, keeping our Prophet
'from us, who prefixed a time to return with all
'Happineſs to his People, ſo as now there are
'forty Years paſt by our own account; Where-
'fore this ſtrange and terrible Viſion is a predicti-
'on of ſome great Troubles and Alterations;
'for the opening the Book in the Womans Hand
'doth either fore-tell our falling away from the
'firſt intent of our Law, whereat thoſe Armed
'Men departed, as Confounded with the Guilt
'of their own Conſciences, or elſe it ſignifies ſome
'other Book in which we have not yet Read, and
'againſt which no Power ſhall prevail; ſo as I
'fear our Religion will prove Corrupt, and our
'Prophet an Impoſter, and then that Chriſt they
'talk of ſhall ſhine as a Sun, and ſet up his Name
'Everlaſtingly.

Hitherto the People were ſilent, hearing him ſpeak ſo boldly. They charged him with Blaſphemy, and knowing the Law which makes Blaſphemy Capital,

Capital, they preſently Condemned him, and having the Bedlerbagg's conſent, they put him to Death by divers Cruel and Inhuman Tortures: The poor Man ſtill crying out on the Woman that opened the Book to ſave him, and ſo Dyed.

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